

REMARKS

The Examiner allowed claims 6 and 8-14. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication of allowed subject matter.

The Examiner objected to claims 3 and 5 as being dependent upon rejected base claim 1, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim 1 and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicants have rewritten claims 3 and 5 in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim 1.

The Examiner rejected claims 1 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Takao (US 2004/0137701). In response, Applicants have canceled claims 1 and 7.

The Examiner rejected claims 2 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Takao as above in view of Chae *et al.* (US 6,958,312). In response, Applicants have canceled claims 2 and 4.

In short, Applicants have (i) rewritten all objected-to claims 3 and 5 in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim 1, and (ii) canceled all rejected claims 1, 2, 4, and 7.

CONCLUSION

Based on the preceding amendments, Applicants respectfully believe that all pending claims and the entire application meet the acceptance criteria for allowance and therefore request favorable action. If the Examiner believes that anything further would be helpful to place the application in better condition for allowance, Applicants invites the Examiner to contact Applicant's representative at the telephone number listed below. The Director is hereby authorized to charge and/or credit Deposit Account 09-0456.

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